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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please don't reduce competition anymore than necessary, meaning, there is no compelling reason to by repealing the 1996 telecom rule granting competing phone and internet companies wholesale access to their copper-wire phone infrastructure.

I know the larger providers do a great deal, let the smaller entities have a chance to do more now and in the future. Competitive local exchange carriers may be small or immaterial in revenue compared to the large teleco's, but they are huge in the eyes of the citizens that use their services!

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